

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An end closure assembly for a pressure vessel, the end closure assembly comprising:

a non-metal universal head member positioned in an opening in the pressure vessel, wherein the universal head member has a size complementary to the opening in the pressure vessel;

a retainer ring member engaged with the pressure vessel for retaining the universal head member in the opening in the pressure vessel; and

a securing plate member engaged with the retainer ring member for securing the retainer ring member;

wherein the retainer ring member is made of at least two arced elements that are ~~movable~~ rotatable relative to each other, and wherein the at least two arced elements interlock and are linked.

2. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 1, further comprising an elliptical head member.

3. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 2, wherein the elliptical head member is in contact with the universal head member.

4. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the universal head member further comprises an integral access section.

5. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the retainer ring member is non-metal.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 6, wherein the elements are substantially identical in shape.
8. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 7, wherein the elements are identical in shape.
9. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the universal head member is plastic.
10. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the universal head member comprises a domed-shaped element and a tubular element.
11. (Original) The end closure assembly of claim 10, wherein the tubular element comprises a threaded portion.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) The end closure assembly of claim 8, wherein the at least two arced elements are substantially mirror ~~image~~ images of each other.

Claim 14 (Cancelled).